

ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE MACOUPIN COUNTY BOARD

MINUTES

MAY 8, 2007

Per the request of Chairman Manar, there was motion by Pratt, seconded by Bacon, to seat Julia Watson as Chairman of the Macoupin County Board meeting due to the absence of the Chairman and illness of Vice Chair Jubelt. All in favor, motion carried.

The Adjourned meeting of the Macoupin County Board was called to order Tuesday, May 8, 2007, at 1:00 p.m. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. There were twenty-five members present and two absent.

PRESENT

Bacon, Judy
Bellm, Darrell
Coatney, Raymond
Fraser, Morrie
Goodman, Frances
Harding, Bill
Herschelman, Lyndal
Kiel, Bernie
Long, Frank
Lux, Larry

Nichelson, Glenn
Novak, Joe
Pomatto, Ruth
Pratt, Vera
Quarton, Robert
Quirk, Paul
Schwallenstecker, O.
Thomas, David
Vojas, Robert
Watson, Julia

ABSENT

Wieseman, Francis
Wiggins, Tony
Yowell, Chris
Zippay, M. A.
Zirkelbach, Jim
Jubelt, Lance
Manar, Andrew

Chairman Watson requested the Board observe a Moment of Silence for Dorothy Beyer who was buried yesterday and had worked for Macoupin County for at approximately forty years.

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Motion by Thomas, seconded by Kiel, to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2007 meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

GUESTS

Craig Bussmann, Macoupin County Public Health Department, discussed two bills, SB 184 and HB 113 which will be addressed in the Senate tomorrow. The Health Department wants these two Bills to be defeated so the State cannot impose individual water testing in each home in Macoupin County. The Public Health Department now has to do 35-40 additional food inspections each year in Macoupin County nursing homes. Craig continues to report information for building permits on new homes in Macoupin County.

Nora Feuquay, Macoupin County Economic Development Coordinator, exhibited the new Logo and Slogan flag that she displayed at the Reverse Trade Mission Reception at the Governor's Mansion recently. Thirty-seven Trade Commissions from thirty different countries were represented and both Cynmar and NBS Systems said they really got a lot out of it. Feuquay also advised the Macoupin County website is live on line at www.macoupincountyil.gov and is a work in progress. Countywide Yard Sales on May 19 and 20th are being advertised on the website and are being promoted on WSMI, all County newspapers and also outside of the County. Feuquay is receiving phones calls and inquiries for points of interest that could be incorporated into our website. After all the information is received, a meeting will be held to make decisions on what should be incorporated into the website. Feuquay thinks she found a Route 66 Shield that can be used on designated highway areas prior to the Route 66 tours June 7, 8, and 9, 2007.

Pam Monetti advised U. S. Congressman Phil Hare, now has a Southern District Office located at the Farm Bureau Building, in Carlinville, Illinois, and is having a grand opening on Saturday, May 12, 2007, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Monetti invited everyone to invite friends and family to attend. Congressman Hare's office will be available to address issues such as Social Security, Immigration, Economic Development, etc.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The **AD-HOC Building Committee** met on April 17, 2007. The Committee reviewed and discussed Dennis Schuette's design for the old medical building across from the Courthouse. Regional Superintendent of Schools, Larry Pfeiffer discussed the needs for his office and provided information for the different meeting rooms and services that would be needed for the R. O. E. The parking situation was also discussed and an easement on the east side of the apartment building. The Committee did a walk-through of the building and it was decided there is more than adequate space for the development of offices for Animal Control, the County Board office, and the Economic Development office. Mr. Schuette will proceed with a conceptual design of the items discussed. Motion by Bellm, seconded by Wiggins, to approve the minutes as reported. All in favor, motion carried.

The **Judicial Administrative Services Committee** met on April 21, 2007. Judge Deihl informed the Committee that when he took office one of the computers did not work, another computer was dated 1989, and the copy and fax machines also needed to be replaced. He purchased two computers for the law library that allow for internet research and also the fax and copy machines were replaced. Judge Deihl requested the Committee recommend to the full Board raising the Law Library fee from \$8.00 to \$10.00 effective June 1, 2007. The Committee also agreed to request the Finance Committee study ways in which the balance of the Traffic Violation Fee Fund can be used to fund the Court expenses in the current and upcoming fiscal years. The Committee agreed to request the Sheriff's Committee provide a recommendation as to which County office should administer foreclosure sales. Motion by Pomatto, seconded by Novak, to approve minutes as written. All in favor, motion carried.

The **Finance Committee** meeting was held April 23, 2007. The Committee tabled the Blue Cross/Blue Shield issue because they were unable to obtain needed information from Blue

Cross/Blue Shield Insurance Company. The We Care Recycling request was discussed by the Committee, but no action was taken at this time. The Committee agreed to get information from Dan Snodgrass regarding the possibility of the County becoming self-insured for the employees' \$10,000.00 Life Insurance Policy. County Coroner Landers and the Committee discussed at length the shortage of approximately \$10,000.00 in the Coroner's current budget due to the number of cases and autopsies performed. Landers distributed copies of a limited case review. There were 257 total cases and 6 autopsies performed in 2005-2006 and an estimate for 2006-2007 caseloads is 327 and as of the end of March, 2007, 15 autopsies have been performed. Chairman Manar said this shortage will be considered in June.

The status of property tax bills was also discussed. County Clerk Zippay reported that Supervisor of Assessments McDaniel anticipated having the assessments for the taxing districts to her by the second week of June. Zippay stated that within a week or two, thereafter, she would have information to County Treasurer Boehm.

County Labor Counsel Knuppel advised Committee members the County has not put together a uniform system of employee work time records. This should have begun seventeen months ago when the contract was ratified. The AFSCME Collective Bargaining Agreement requires the County keep accurate daily attendance records for every employee. If this is not done, the union will be forced to file more grievances regarding the failure to comply with contractual requirements. The Committee recommended to full Board purchasing a time keeping method that complies with the AFSCME contract. Motion by Pratt, seconded by Kiel, to approve minutes as reported. All in favor, motion carried.

Mr. Bellm questioned the minutes of the April 27, 2007 **General Services Committee** meeting. He then requested Mr. Herschelman to explain his concerns and Mr. Herschelman felt his concerns of having 13 extra judges at the General Services Committee meeting should have at least been mentioned in the minutes. He saw it as \$1,800.00 wasted dollars. He could understand a few extra people called out in a smaller election, but not that many.

Regional Superintendent of Schools, Larry Pfeiffer, demonstrated a Teleconferencing Systems for members present and the Committee voted for the possibility of scheduling a future Board meeting in the R.O.E. Conference Room in order for members to observe the Teleconference System. Pfeiffer also reported he previously shared with the recent Ad-Hoc Committee the needs of his Office. A survey is sent from the Illinois State Board of Education to each school board president. The survey is intended to measure school districts' satisfaction with the services they receive from the Illinois State Board of Education and their R. O. E. A copy of this survey will be distributed to Board members at the May County Board meeting along with a copy of the Analysis of Survey Results Summary and Summary of Written Comments from 2006 School Evaluation Survey.

County Clerk Zippay reported that 4,727 out of a possible 32,069 votes were cast in the April 17, 2007 Consolidated Election. The County will do the canvass for all jurisdictions under a new law. Also, the County will do the canvass for schools, but will verify all information with the schools. The last day for canvassing the votes is May 8. The last day to file a discovery recount is May 13th and there are five possibilities of discoveries. Based on having 196 Election Judges, the

County will be receiving \$4,900.00 from the State.

County Clerk Zippay informed the Committee that the position of **Election Manager** will be posted. Motion by Wieseman, seconded by Bellm, to approve the minutes as amended. All in favor, motion carried.

The **Road and Bridge Committee** meeting was held on May 1, 2007. Claims were approved for payment. The Committee accepted the bids and recommended awarding contracts to low bidders. The Committee also agreed to recommend to the full Board a Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation for an engineering design of the bridge carrying Standard City Road over Macoupin Creek. The Committee received an update on the status of the Shipman Road Project and there was also a general discussion regarding the condition and status of several highways in the county. Motion by Schwallenstecker, seconded by Harding, to approve the minutes as written. All in favor, motion carried.

The **Sheriff, Building and Grounds Committee** meeting was held April 25, 2007. Coatney stated it was mostly an informational meeting. The Committee discussed the Sheriff/Jail/and Jail Medical budgets. The Sheriff reported that after seven months into the current fiscal year, there is 45.97% remaining in the above-referenced budgets and the Courthouse budget has a balance remaining of approximately 46.60%. The Sheriff also discussed the poor condition of the outside of the Courthouse. The Sheriff suggested that a citizens' committee be appointed to work on the restoration project of the Courthouse along with County Economic Development Coordinator Nora Feuquay, a representative from the Historical Society, a representative from the Chamber of Commerce, Casey Schwartz and a representative from various other areas of the County. The Committee also discussed the Court Security Fund and increasing the fee from \$15.00 to \$25.00 per case. The Committee voted to refer this matter to the Circuit Clerk Committee. Motion by Quirk, seconded by Coatney, to approve the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

The **Ad-Hoc Building Committee** meeting was held on May 7, 2007. Dennis Schuette presented the Committee with two conceptual drawings for the property north of the Courthouse. Superintendent Pfeiffer said his office could utilize the second floor of the clinic building for administrative offices that generally do not come in contact with the public. The Committee was concerned about handicap accessibility on the second floor. Schuette said utilizing the conference room on the first floor would be sufficient should any person working on the second floor need accommodations. The Committee informed Schuette that the lack of parking was a major problem and asked him to develop a design that incorporated more parking spaces. After a new conceptual drawing is complete with changes, Schuette would attend a future Board meeting. Motion by Bellm, seconded by Bacon, to approve the minutes as written. All in favor, motion carried.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE

None.

APPOINTMENTS

Motion by Herschelman, seconded by Quarton, to appoint the following persons to the Panther Creek Cemetery Association Board of Trustees Effective March 13, 2007 – March 12, 2013:

Roy Close	Thomas Woolfolk
John Tranbarger	Virgil Miller
Bill Harding	Catherine Fairfield

All in favor, motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Motion by Coatney, seconded by Schwallenstecker, to place the Counties at the Capitol Update on file in the County Clerk's Office. All in favor, motion carried.

PETITIONS

None

RESOLUTIONS

Motion by Pomatto, seconded by Pratt, to adopt a Resolution increasing the Law Library fee from \$8.00 to \$10.00 effective June 1, 2007. Roll call vote: 25 ayes and 2 absent. Motion carried.

AYES

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Coatney, Raymond	Pomatto, Ruth
Fraser, Morrie	Pratt, Vera
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Harding, Bill	Quirk, Paul
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Zippay, M. A.	
Zirkelbach, Jim	

Motion by Zirkelbach, seconded by Vojas, to increase the Court Security Fee from \$15.00 to \$25.00 effective May 1, 2007. Same roll call vote: motion carried.

Motion by Goodman, seconded by Wieseman, to accept low bids for County and Township MFT Oil Letting Maintenance Programs. Same roll call vote: motion carried.

Motion by Novak, seconded by Kiel, to approve a Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation for the engineering design of the bridge carrying Standard City Road over Macoupin

Creek (Section 06-00088-00-BR). Same roll call vote: motion carried.

ORDINANCE

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

CLAIMS AND OFFICERS REPORT

Motion by Harding, seconded by Lux, to approve the Claims and Officers report. All in favor, motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Quirk, seconded by Vojas, to return the Intergovernmental Agreement for the Vince Demuzio Rural Broadband Initiative Pilot Program to the Economic Development Committee. All in favor, motion carried.

Joe Novak encouraged all towns and villages to send a representative to the Animal Control meeting on May 19, 2007.

Motion by Pratt, seconded by Novak, to Proclaim the week of May 6 – 12, 2007 “**Be Kind To Animals Week.**” All in favor, motion carried.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM

Motion by Schwallenstecker, seconded by Quarton, to allow Mileage and Per Diem. All in favor, motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by, Pratt, seconded by Kiel, to adjourn at 1:40 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

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